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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BUCHARESTI

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, BU

SUBJECT: ENERBY CRISIS IN BULGARIA

REF: A. SOFIA 1643; B. SOFIA 1651

1. DURING VISIT WITH US TRADE MISSION DECEMBER 4 TO PAZARDZIK DISTRICT, EMBOFF LEARNED THAT MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO CUT DOWN ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN ADDITION TO THOSE PUBLICIZED AND DESCRIBED REFTTEL.

2. ACCORDING TO MANAGER OF AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ALL ENTERPRISES IN PAZARDZIK (AND HE ASSUMES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY) HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STAGGER WORK DAYS SO THAT ENERGY CONSUMPTION IS SPREAD OVER 7 DAYS, RATHER THAN MAINTAIN SUNDAY AS DAY OF REST. ENTERPRISES ALSO ORDERED TO REDUCE USE OF LIQUID FUELS

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TO "ABSOLUTE MINIMUM", EVEN AT COST OF PRODUCTION

LOSSES.

3. ACCORDING TO MANAGER THESE MEASURES WILL BE A  
"DISASTER" FOR HIS ENTERPRISE AND HE EXPECTS 10-15  
PERCENT DROP IN PRODUCTIVITY.

4. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IVAN POPOV TOLD VISITING  
TRADE MISSION THAT EFFECTS OF ENERGY CRISIS ALREADY  
BEING FELT IN BULGARIA. HE NOTED THAT 25 PERCENT OF  
BULGARIA'S PETROLEUM IMPORTS COME FROM ARAB COUNTRIES.

5. COMMENT: OFFICIAL EXPLANATION CONTINUES TO BE THAT  
CONSERVATION MEASURES NECESSARY BECAUSE OF INCREASED  
COST OF MIDDLE EAST OIL, ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE TO SUS-  
PECT THAT SOVIETS MAY HAVE REDUCED DELIVERIES TO GOB.  
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